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**Justin L. Quackenbush**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Idaho 1951 BA; Gonzaga 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Instructor (part-time), School of Law, Gonzaga University (1959-1967)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Washington (1957-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Senior Partner, Quackenbush, Dean, Bailey & Henderson (1959-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1951-1954)

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**Wm. Fremming Nielsen**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: U Washington 1956 BA, 1962 LLB  
Began Service: May 28, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Credit Reporter, The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (1959-1960)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1963-1964)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP (1964-1991)

**Chambers of Senior Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen** *continued*

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959); United States Air Force Reserve (1959-1982)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Trial Lawyers; The American Inns of Court; Eastern District of Washington Chapter, Federal Bar Association; Spokane County Bar; Washington State Bar Association

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**Cynthia Imbrogno**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Indiana (PA) 1970; Gonzaga 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Term Expires: September 2015

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Law Clerk The Honorable Justin L. Quackenbush, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1980-1983)

**Government:** Civil Rights Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1984-1985); Complex Litigation Staff Attorney, Eastern District of Washington Chapter (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis (1988-1990); Attorney, Perkins Coie LLP (1990-1991)

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**James P. Hutton**

Magistrate Judge

Education: U Washington 1972 BA; Gonzaga 1976 JD  
Began Service: January 2008  
Term Expires: January 2016

**Judicial:** Judge, Yakima County Superior Court, County of Yakima, Washington (1996-2007)

**Profession:** Attorney, Private Practice (1976-1996)

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**Frank L. Kurtz**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Gonzaga 1974 JD  
Began Service: 2005  
Term Expires: 2019

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

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**Patricia C. Williams**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Gonzaga JD  
Began Service: July 14, 1997  
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Washington Women Lawyers

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**John A. Rossmessl**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD  
Began Service: 1987

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**Areas Covered:** Counties of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom

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**Robert S. Lasnik**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;  
U Washington 1978 JD  
Began Service: December 2, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer, School of Law, University of Washington (1980)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1983-1990)

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

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